

# WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"I thought that the Partnership's Book Exchange was a great idea and I was amazed at the great mix of books available. I love the idea that the books are free, as books have become so expensive. I chose a book that I would not normally read and I am really enjoying it at the minute. I liked that the books are not categorised into different sections and that I could look at all the books there. I will most definitely be back next month to exchange my book for another one."

*Bernie Gallagher, a Local Resident attended Book Exchange on Thursday 5th February*

"My staff really enjoyed and needed the Paediatric First Aid course. I was invited by the Partnership Childcare Providers Network to make a successful joint funding application with fourteen other providers. This will benefit all providers in the area and families with small children."

*Katrina O Shea, Jack and Jill Montessori, Childcare Provider in Whitehall*

"Ballymun Adult Read and Write Scheme enjoys a wonderfully supportive relationship with the Partnership. At all levels they show a great understanding of the need and the sensitivities around adult basic education. The existence of an Education Working Group gives a platform to the educationalists to network and plan lifelong learning in the area in a coordinated manner."

*Mary Love, Ballymun Adult Read and Write Scheme*

"Without the help from the staff at the Partnership, XEON Gaming would have found it very difficult to get up and running. The facilities and help that were provided were very professional and flexible. As two unemployed people from Ballymun we didn't expect to get this far this fast, but the Partnership helped us in every way possible, even providing very cheap, but state of the art offices to work from. We hope to have a long and prosperous future with the Partnership, no matter how large our operations become."

*Shane Farrell, Director, XEON Gaming/ Media*

# WHO WE ARE

We are a community based organisation working for the last 18 years for the benefit of residents and the community generally. We were established 1991 by government and deliver a number of programmes.

These programmes address childhood development, education, employment, enterprise, economic and community development issues. We are registered as a charity with the Irish Tax Authorities, reference number CHY 11441.

## What we mean by partnership working?

We act as the focus for the work of our partners. They choose to partner each other to deliver local solutions to the challenges local people face.

## How do our partners develop these solutions together?

They work as volunteer members of our Board of Directors and as volunteer members of our thematic working groups. For example our Education, Economic Development, Community Development or Childcare Working Groups and Sectoral Networks, for example Childcare Providers Network, Principals Network, Older Persons Network, Enterprise Zone Group.

## Who are our partners?

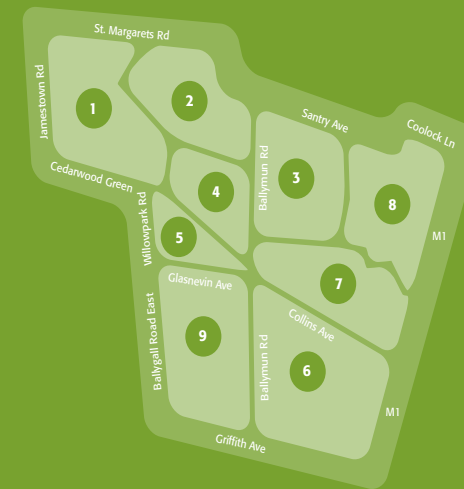
Our partners come from the Local Community, the Local County Councillors, State Agencies, Irish Congress of Trade Unions, Irish Business and Employers Confederation, Community Organisations, Schools and Local Businesses. Our partners make decisions on what collectively needs to be done; we act as the support workers to make it happen.

## What we are working to achieve

We work for the social and economic development of our area in order that local people benefit and in particular so that those in most need of support receive it. We are involved in childhood development, education, enterprise, employment, economic and community development.



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# WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!

## • JOBS

### Local Employment Service and Jobs Club Ballymun Job Centre

- We will register your details
- Meet you to hear your employment needs
- Provide you with guidance and mediation
- Give you job seeking and interview training
- Give you details of vacancies
- Help you with your CV
- Help with interview preparation

For more info log onto: [www.bmunjob.ie](http://www.bmunjob.ie)

## • SELF EMPLOYMENT

### Enterprise Centre and Self Employment Service

- We will register your details
- Meet and hear your interest in self employment and tell you about services we offer
- Refer you to an initial free appointment from our accountant
- Provide you with access to our mentoring service and business planning
- If you are interested in self employment we provide introductory, intermediate and accredited training
- Give you access to micro finance providers and Enterprise Board services
- Help with serviced office and incubation start up units in our own and other enterprise centres

Most services are completely free, some training has a token fee with fee waivers available, enterprise space is offered on a reduced cost basis

## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!

## • CHILDREN’S SERVICES

### We can provide you with:

- A list of childcare services and childminders in your area
- Assistance in the search for quality childcare for your child
- Support when applying for childcare Grants
- Information needed when setting up and running a childcare service
- Support if you are thinking of becoming a childminder
- Developing quality standards in your service
- Recognised childcare Training to meet your needs
- Opportunities to meet other childcare providers and parents in your area
- Organised activities for families in your area

## • EDUCATION

### Education Service

- Details of education and training opportunities in your community
- Information on supports for third level study
- Information and training to teachers about the community they teach in
- Advice and support to education personnel working in the community
- Promotion and advertisng for your courses and education programmes on our website
- Links into networks of education personnel
- Help you get involved in lifelong learning
- Engaging with education providers who want to promote learning in the community
- Exploring your good ideas and turning them into actions

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## • COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Community Development Service

- Support residents to participate in local decision making structures
- Help groups and organisations to learn more about Committee Skills, Funding Opportunities, Governance and Financial Procedures etc
- Offer training, support and advice for local organisations on a wide range of topics
- We can advertise local community activities and events in our community bulletin
- We can help you engage/volunteer with a wide range of community and voluntary groups such as Disability, Older Persons, Ethnic Minority, Men, Women etc
- Provide you with access to information on services or advice about your rights & entitlements
- We engage at a local, regional and national level enabling local communities to influence policy and practice
- We deliver the Community Support for Older People Scheme to improve the security of older people in their homes

## • WHO WE HELPED LAST YEAR

Placed in Employment 460

Training and Education 636

Networks and Collaborations 44

Certified Training 259

New Enterprises 21

Support for Existing Enterprises 14

## PROGRAMMES AND FUNDERS

The Partnership is contracted by funders for the delivery of these programmes

Programme	Focus	Funder	Local Delivery Agent
The Local Development Social Inclusion Programme	This is the Partnership's core funding programme from which other funding is leveraged	Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	Enterprise, Childcare, Education and Community Development programmes directly through the Partnership
The Local Employment Service	Support for unemployed local people to access employment and training	Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment and FÁS	The Partnership has contracted the Ballymun Job Centre to deliver this programme
Dublin North West Childcare Resource Centre	Support for Children, Parents, Childcare Facilities in Dublin North West	The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and Dublin City Childcare Committee	Directly through the Partnership
The Childminding Advisory Service	Support for Children, Parents, Childminders in Health Services Executive Area 7	The HSE and Dublin City Childcare Committee	Directly through the Partnership and the Childcare Resource Centre
The Millennium Partnership Fund	Support for access to third level education	The Higher Education Authority via POBAL	The Ballymun Initiative for Third Level Education (BITE) and Ballymun Job Centre
The Prevention and Early Intervention Programme	The delivery of six new childhood development services with a significant level of evaluation	The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and The Atlantic Philanthropies	The Partnership has contracted youngballymun to deliver this programme
Dormant Accounts programmes	A number of different programmes to promote enterprise and address poverty	Dormant Accounts Board	Directly through the Partnership